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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABROAD ISRAELI OWNED VESSEL

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1. MFA (HORAM) HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM THE SHIP'S OWNERS IN HAIFA THAT THE VESSEL HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER KEELUNG HARBOR UNDER CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE ROC AUTHORITIES. THOSE CONDITIONS ARE THAT THE CAPTAIN GUARANTEE IN WRITING THAT THE REFUGEES WILL NOT LEAVE THE VESSEL, THAT THE VESSEL PAY FOR EXTRA GUARDS TO ENSURE NO UNAUTHORIZED DEPARTURES AND THAT EXTRA LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT BE PURCHASED AND INSTALLED TO ACCOMMODATE THE 66 REFUGEES. THE COMPANY FELT IT WAS UNDER TIME AND MONETARY PRESSURE TO AGREE TO THESE CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE VESSEL TO ENTER THE HARBOR AND DISCHARGE ITS CARGO. THE SHIP LANS TO REMAIN IN KEELUNG A FEW DAYS AND THEN TO DEPART FOR YOKOHAMA.

2. HORMA ASKED US AGAIN TO URGE ROC AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT THE REFUGEES. HE POINTED OUT THAT IT

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IS THE VIEW OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT THE VESSEL SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A HUMANITARIAN ACT. HE SAID THE SHIP'S OWNERS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT MANY VESSELS DO NOT STOP TO PICK UP PEOPLE FROM SHIPWRECKS OR DISABLED VESSELS IN THIS AREA AND IT, THEREFORE, APPEARS THE ISRAELI VESSEL IS BEING SINGLED OUT

FOR ITS ACTION. HORAM ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE
BEGIN TO THINK AHEAD TO THE NEXT STEPS IN CASE
THE ROC AUTHORITIES REMAIN ADAMANT.
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